Education cess collected from Assam

4029. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue collected by Government through education cess from Assam;

(b) on which educational programme such amount of education cess was spent in that State during the last four years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per information received from Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, the State-wise figures regarding collection of Education Cess are not maintained. Education Cess is not a part of the net proceeds of the divisible pool of sharable taxes based on constitutional provisions and as per the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission. Accordingly, no specific allocation is made separately to States/UTs against the amount collected through Education Cess. The proceeds of Education Cess credited into Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) are utilized exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme. Expenditure on SSA and MDM Scheme is incurred from PSK after the funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilized. Assistance under PSK is released to States/UTs as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocation for SSA and MDM Scheme.

Drop-out of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas

4030. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any procedure to control drop-outs of students from Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi region, including the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Andrews Ganj, are not allowing students to continue studies in next higher classes and in same class due to various reasons;

(c) whether the direction issued by the Competent Authority, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on 8th April, 2008, to rectify the above, have been complied with;

(d) if not, the action taken in that regard;

(e) whether steps would be taken to prevent drop-out of students of proven talents in extra curricular activities like sports; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Generally, the problem of drop-outs of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is not serious.

(b) to (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has received some representations from the parents of children stating that their wards appearing for supplementary examinations/ special tests/re-tests for all classes including IX and XI, are not being allowed to attend the